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REF (CIR 18 MAY)
25X1X7

1. AT MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING DRAFT ITEM PRESENTED
BASED ON CABLE FROM FROM BRIEFING BY 25X1X7
MR SULLIVAN OF STATE. DECIDED HOLD ITEM TILL NEXT WEEK AND 25X1X7
SEEK CIA EVALUATION AND COMMENT. ITEM FOLLOWS:

"IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN LAOS TWO VEHICLE ROUTES,
APPARENTLY DEVELOPED DURING LAST DRY SEASON, REPORTEDLY HAVE
BEEN DETECTED BY US. ROUTES LEAD SOUTH- 25X1D0a
EAST FROM TCHÉPONE AND ATTÔPEU TOWARD SOUTH VIETNAMESE
BORDER, AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT HAS BEEN NOTED BOTH DAY
AND NIGHT. WE UNABLE SAY HOW PATHET LAO OBTAIN ACCESS TO
ROAD FROM ATTÔPEU AS ROUTES FROM NORTH VIETNAM WHICH LINK UP WITH
IT ARE DEFACTUALLY SUBJECT TO RIGHT-WING CONTROL IN SARAVANE
AND ATTÔPEU. IT POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, THAT AN UNDISCLOSED
ROUTE EXISTS PERMITTING BY-PASSING SARAVANE AND ATTÔPEU, OR
THAT RLA CONTROL THESE TOWNS IS INEFFECTIVE.

EXTENSION OF VEHICLE ROUTES FROM TCHÉPONE AND ATTÔPEU
WOULD INCREASE VIET CONG OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM.
EXISTENCE OF VEHICLE ROUTE WHICH BY-PASSES SARAVANE AND
ATTÔPEU WOULD HELP EXPLAIN WHY PATHET LAO HAVE NOT ATTACKED THESE
TWO TOWNS, WHICH EXTEND GOVERNMENT CONTROL INTO AREAS WHERE
PATHET LAO INFLUENCE IS USUALLY PARAMOUNT."

2. PLEASE COMMENT ON ACCURACY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF REPORT
AND PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFO.

3. PLEASE ALSO PROVIDE COORDINATES (BEGINNING, END AND
SEVERAL IN BETWEEN) OF IMPROVED EXISTING ROAD IN NORTH VIETNAM
RUNNING FROM ROUTE 12 TO DMZ AS REPORTED IN REF.

4. CURRENTLY WORKING UP STUDY FOR SEATO USE ON ROADS
NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY
SEPARATE CABLE ANY NEW INFORMATION BASED ON RECENT AND FUTURE

PHOTOGRAPHY
5. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER CIA/RR CB 64-29 CAN BE RELEASED
25X1X7

6. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO PARA TWO ABOVE BY 1200Z
15 JUNE.

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MR SULLIVAN STATE CIA CENTRAL SOUTHERN LAOS TWO US SOUTH-
EAST TCHÉPONE ATTÔPEU SOUTH VIETNAMESE UNABLE PATHET LAO
ATTÔPEU NORTH VIETNAM SARAVANE ATTÔPEU AN SARAVANE ATTÔPEU RLA
TCHÉPONE SOUTH VIETNAM SARAVANE ATTÔPEU PATHET LAO NOT ATTACKED
PATHET LAO NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 12 DMZ REF SEATO NORTH 25X1X7
VIETNAM LAOS CIA/RR CB 64-29 PARA TWO 1200Z 15 JUNE
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